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**The late DUKE OF RICHMOND, the Legislative Council
AND THE
House of Assembly of Lower-Canada.**

THE Subscriber having been requested to publish the Debate at length that occurred in the House of Assembly upon Mr. Neilson's resolutions, the first of which proposed to declare "that the Entry upon the Journals of the Legislative Council of the 21st. April, 1819, and the Speech of His Grace the then Governor in Chief of the 24th April of the same year do severally contain a censure of the Proceedings of this Branch of the Legislature," has prepared it for the Press and will publish it in both languages, if a sufficient number of Copies are subscribed for (at Six and Three pence each,) to indemnify the trouble and expence of so doing.

It will be recollected that the Entry and Speech above referred to were occasioned by the mode in which in 1819, the House of Assembly voted the Civil List. The great constitutional question involved in the subject of Debate and the elevated character and revered memory of the late Governor in Chief imparted an extraordinary degree of interest to the discussion. The debate was conducted with ability and animation, proportioned to the importance of the topics under consideration and its perusal will equally gratify the admirers of the late lamented Governor in Chief and the advocates of Popular Rights. The talent of the House on both sides (if such an expression may be admitted) was called into exercise and exhibited itself in zealous arguments in favor of the principles contained in Mr. Neilson's resolutions, and warm tributes of grateful affection to the memory of the late Duke of Richmond. The names of the different speakers, will sufficiently justify the last remark, viz.—Messrs. Neilson, Taschereau, Oldham, Cuvillier, Viger, Davidson, Stuart, Bourdages, Vallières de St. Réal and Quesnel.

IMPORTANT as was the subject of Debate at the time it occurred, the circumstances attending the close of the late Session of the Provincial Parliament has greatly increased it. The moderate and dignified Speech of His Excellency the Governor in Chief calls so loudly upon the other Branches of the Legislature to reflect during the ensuing summer upon the ultimate consequences of dissension, that no doubt can exist but the Members of each will do so with a sincere desire to avert the evils which mutual distrust cannot fail to engender. With a view to the information of the public upon the question at issue between the different Branches of the Legislature, an appendix will contain all the Resolutions passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly on the subject of Parliamentary Privileges and their infraction, together with the Messages and Speeches of their Excellencies the various Governors in Chief, commencing with the Speech of Sir J. H. Craig, in 1809, and terminating with that of the Earl of Dalhousie, on 17th March, 1821.

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Quebec, 10th April, 1821.

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